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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### rage

*n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence

*synonym* : fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

### tread

*v.* to step or walk on something

*synonym* : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

### prevailing

*adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant,

usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

*synonym* : dominant, prevalent, current

(1) **prevailing** wind, (2) **prevailing** trend

The **prevailing** opinion was that the project would be a success.

### alike

*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

*synonym* : similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done

them.

## desperate

*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

*synonym* : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

## divine

*adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

*synonym* : godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

## omen

*n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence

*synonym* : portent, sign, prediction

(1) bad **omen**, (2) prophetic **omen**

The alignment of the planets was considered an **omen** of major changes in people's lives.

## truce

*n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

*synonym* : ceasefire, armistice, peace

(1) temporary **truce**, (2) break a **truce**

The two sides agreed to a **truce** and set down their weapons.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## bloody

*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

*synonym* : gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea  
The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

## conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy  
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

*synonym*: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet  
Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

## fate

n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

*synonym*: destiny, fortune, karma

(1) **fate** of nations, (2) accept my **fate**

The fortune teller predicted his **fate** and warned him of the looming danger.

## ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

*synonym*: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**  
A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

## devastating

*adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

*synonym*: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

## loom

*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

*synonym* : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

## intact

*adj.* undamaged and complete

*synonym* : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

## plain

*adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

*synonym* : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

## grid

*n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

*synonym* : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

**Grid** pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

## encampment

*n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

*synonym* : campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**

The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

## likewise

*adv.* in the same way

*synonym* : alike, correspondingly, similarly

(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**

He is tall and **likewise** strong.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace  
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

## prevail

*v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

*synonym*: triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

## horizontal

*adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

*synonym*: even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

## vertical

*adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

*synonym*: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

## adjacent

*adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something

*synonym*: next, adjoining, neighboring

(1) **adjacent** to his house, (2) **adjacent** houses

Our country has military alliances with **adjacent** countries.

## diagonally

*adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical

*synonym*: obliquely, slantwise, askew

(1) **diagonally** opposite, (2) cut **diagonally**

I walked **diagonally** across the field to reach the other side faster.

## arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something  
*synonym*: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

## swap

v. to give something and receive something in trade  
*synonym*: exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

## pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

*synonym*: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

## insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

*synonym*: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

## divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## clump

n. a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

*synonym*: cluster, bunch, bundle

(1) **clump** of bacteria, (2) a **clump** of trees

I heard the **clump** of his boots in the hallway.

## thorny

*adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

*synonym* : prickly, spiky, bristly

(1) the **thorny** path of life, (2) **thorny** problem

The rose bush had **thorny** branches.

## mess

*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

*synonym* : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

## straight

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

*synonym* : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

## isolate

*v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

*synonym* : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

## cluster

*n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

*synonym* : group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

## perimeter

*n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

*synonym* : circumference, boundary, edge

(1) **perimeter** fence, (2) **perimeter** fence

The guard patrolled the **perimeter** of the building.

## shift

*n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend  
*synonym*: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

## inward

*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

*synonym*: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

## gap

*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

*synonym*: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

## slight

*adj.* very small in degree or amount

*synonym*: feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

## variant

*n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type

*synonym*: variation, modification, variance

(1) **variant** types of pigeon, (2) a **variant** of the same word

The first **variant** of the virus appeared in less than a month.

## maneuver

*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

*synonym*: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.



## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym* : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## rival

*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

*synonym* : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

## bloodshed

*n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict

*synonym* : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym* : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## prophecy

*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

*synonym* : prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

## convinced

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

*synonym* : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

## diagonal

*adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

*synonym* : oblique, sloping, slanting

(1) **diagonal** pattern, (2) place at a **diagonal**

The **diagonal** cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

## prophecy

*v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

*synonym* : predict, foretell, prophesize

(1) **prophecy** doom, (2) **prophecy** success

The famous author was able to **prophecy** technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.

## meddle

*v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

*synonym* : interfere, intrude, tamper

(1) **meddle** in relationships, (2) **meddle** with the evidence

She always tries to **meddle** in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

## battlefield

*n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought

*synonym* : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

## thwart

*v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding  
*synonym*: hinder, block, obstruct

(1) **thwart** enemy plans, (2) **thwart** attempts

He **thwarted** the thief's attempt to steal the painting.

## troublesome

*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone  
*synonym*: disconcerting, unsettling, upsetting

(1) undertake a **troublesome** task, (2) **troublesome** behavior

He had to resolve a **troublesome** event that happened unexpectedly

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym*: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## scheme

*n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

*synonym*: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym*: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## threat

*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

*synonym*: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

## column

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

*synonym*: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

## principle

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

*synonym*: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

## maintain

*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

*synonym*: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. draw out a sc___e               | <i>n.</i> an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something  |
| 2. is____e a compound              | <i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things   |
| 3. merge with a ri__l company      | <i>n.</i> a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area  |
| 4. do li____se                     | <i>adv.</i> in the same way   |
| 5. co____de that he is healthy     | <i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning   |
| 6. in___d cargo                    | <i>adj.</i> directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking   |
| 7. regularly co____t with a doctor | <i>v.</i> to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject      |
| 8. accept my f__e                  | <i>n.</i> the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions |
| 9. uncontrollable r__e             | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of anger or violence   |
| 10. va____t types of pigeon        | <i>n.</i> something that is slightly different from others of the same type   |
| 11. undertake a tro_____me task    | <i>adj.</i> causing difficulty or annoyance for someone   |

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31. l\_\_m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
32. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
33. feel a sl\_\_\_t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount

ANSWERS: 22. prevailing, 23. truce, 24. arrange, 25. plain, 26. bloodshed, 27. surround, 28. isolate, 29. inward, 30. troublesome, 31. loom, 32. surround, 33. slight

34. en\_\_e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
35. bl\_\_\_y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
36. pr\_\_\_\_cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
37. ad\_\_\_\_nt to his house *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
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ANSWERS: 34. ensue, 35. bloody, 36. prophecy, 37. adjacent, 38. maneuver, 39. battlefield, 40. divide, 41. encampment, 42. fate, 43. desperate, 44. prophecy



45. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
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81. pr\_\_\_\_\_sy success *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
82. economic th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
83. environmental th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
84. id\_\_\_\_\_fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
85. th\_\_\_\_t attempts *v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding
86. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 79. maneuver, 80. gap, 81. prophesy, 82. threat, 83. threat, 84. identify, 85. thwart, 86. shift

87. id\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences      *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
88. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
89. pr\_\_\_\_\_l in a suit      *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
90. a co\_\_\_\_n of water      *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
91. di\_\_\_\_e intervention      *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
92. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment      *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
93. co\_\_\_\_\_ed criminal      *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
94. a pilot sc\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
95. di\_\_\_\_e grace      *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
96. a cl\_\_\_\_\_r of stars      *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
97. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 87. identify, 88. advantage, 89. prevail, 90. column, 91. divine, 92. principle, 93. convinced, 94. scheme, 95. divine, 96. cluster, 97. opportune

98. hor\_\_\_\_\_al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
99. tr\_\_d water *v.* to step or walk on something
100. ar\_\_\_\_\_e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
101. prophetic o\_\_n *n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
102. break a tr\_\_e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
103. ve\_\_\_\_\_al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
104. predict what will en\_\_e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
105. me\_\_\_e in relationships *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
106. good will pr\_\_\_\_\_l *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
107. ve\_\_\_\_\_al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
108. me\_\_\_e with the evidence *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

ANSWERS: 98. horizontal, 99. tread, 100. arrange, 101. omen, 102. truce, 103. vertical, 104. ensue, 105. meddle, 106. prevail, 107. vertical, 108. meddle

109. bloody bl\_\_\_\_\_ed *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
110. in\_\_\_\_t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
111. pa\_\_e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
112. hor\_\_\_\_\_al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
113. share my in\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
114. ri\_\_l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
115. pr\_\_\_\_\_sy doom *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
116. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
117. the th\_\_\_\_y path of life *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
118. please revise li\_\_\_\_\_se *adv.* in the same way
119. fall into a r\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
120. the spinal co\_\_\_\_n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 109. bloodshed, 110. intact, 111. pause, 112. horizontal, 113. insight, 114. rival, 115. prophesy, 116. conclude, 117. thorny, 118. likewise, 119. rage, 120.

column



121. bat\_\_\_\_\_ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
122. a g\_\_d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
123. cut dia\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
124. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
125. pre\_\_\_\_\_ng trend *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
126. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
127. th\_\_\_t enemy plans *v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding

ANSWERS: 121. battlefield, 122. grid, 123. diagonally, 124. precise, 125. prevailing, 126. opportune, 127. thwart

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was sick for five \_\_\_\_\_ days.

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

2. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

3. Airplanes need \_\_\_\_\_ tails to improve stability.

*adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ opinion was that the project would be a success.

*adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

5. The newspaper devoted several \_\_\_\_\_ to the affair.

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

6. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ them from the community.

*v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

7. The man \_\_\_\_\_ before opening the door.

*v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 1. straight, 2. precise, 3. horizontal, 4. prevailing, 5. columns, 6. isolate, 7. paused

8. We made \_\_\_\_\_ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.  
*adj.* very small in degree or amount
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ carefully on the slippery ice.  
*v.* to step or walk on something
10. Our country has military alliances with \_\_\_\_\_ countries.  
*adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
11. The public is \_\_\_\_\_ that the prime minister has committed fraud.  
*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
12. The issue of divorce \_\_\_\_\_ large in his mind.  
*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.  
*adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
14. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries.  
*n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
15. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.  
*v.* to be all around something or somebody
16. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought

ANSWERS: 8. slight, 9. treads, 10. adjacent, 11. convinced, 12. loomed, 13. inward, 14. bloodshed, 15. surround, 16. battlefield

17. He is tall and \_\_\_\_\_ strong.

*adv.* in the same way

18. A \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes hung from the vine.

*n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

19. She always tries to \_\_\_\_\_ in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

*v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

*n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

21. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.

*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

22. The view from the mountaintop was truly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

23. Always \_\_\_\_\_ a lawyer before launching a business.

*v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

24. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 17. likewise, 18. cluster, 19. meddle, 20. encampment, 21. principle, 22. divine, 23. consult, 24. achieve

25. The guard patrolled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the building.

*n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

26. Many people are working together to close the gender \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

*adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

28. He was \_\_\_\_\_ when he lost all his money by gambling.

*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

29. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* undamaged and complete

30. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of his boots in the hallway.

*n.* a small group of bushes, trees, flowers, people, etc.

31. They carefully executed the well-planned \_\_\_\_\_ they had prepared over the years.

*n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

32. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

ANSWERS: 25. perimeter, 26. gap, 27. diagonal, 28. desperate, 29. intact, 30. clump, 31. scheme, 32. plain

33. He had to resolve a \_\_\_\_\_ event that happened unexpectedly  
*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
34. The two paintings looked \_\_\_\_\_ as if the same artist had done them.  
*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ the thief's attempt to steal the painting.  
*v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding
36. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ horses while crossing a stream.  
*v.* to give something and receive something in trade
37. The two sides agreed to a \_\_\_\_\_ and set down their weapons.  
*n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
38. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ plans with him for the celebration.  
*v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
39. She was filled with a burning \_\_\_\_\_ at the injustice she had witnessed.  
*n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
40. \_\_\_\_\_ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.  
*n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
41. In this class, we learn the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane.  
*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 33. troublesome, 34. alike, 35. thwarted, 36. swap, 37. truce, 38. arrange, 39. rage, 40. Grid, 41. maneuver

42. I walked \_\_\_\_\_ across the field to reach the other side faster.  
*adv.* in an oblique or slanted direction or manner; at an angle between horizontal and vertical
43. The crime scene was \_\_\_\_\_ and gruesome.  
*adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
44. It is common for oppressive governments to \_\_\_\_\_ through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.  
*v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.  
*n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
46. We gained various \_\_\_\_\_ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.  
*n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
47. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. The rose bush had \_\_\_\_\_ branches.  
*adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
49. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.  
*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 42. diagonally, 43. bloody, 44. prevail, 45. threat, 46. insights, 47. opportune, 48. thorny, 49. maintain

50. He interfered with his \_\_\_\_\_ in various ways during the campaign.  
*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
51. A power outage \_\_\_\_\_ after the storm knocked out the electricity.  
*v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
52. This typhoon was the most \_\_\_\_\_ in years.  
*adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
53. He made a frightful \_\_\_\_\_ in his room.  
*n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
54. The fortune teller's \_\_\_\_\_ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.  
*n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
55. The ladder leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ surface of the building.  
*adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
56. The alignment of the planets was considered an \_\_\_\_\_ of major changes in people's lives.  
*n.* a sign or warning of a future event, often seen as either positive or negative and believed to be an indication of divine power or influence
57. The fortune teller predicted his \_\_\_\_\_ and warned him of the looming danger.  
*n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

ANSWERS: 50. rivals, 51. ensued, 52. devastating, 53. mess, 54. prophecy, 55. vertical, 56. omen, 57. fate



58. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
59. The first \_\_\_\_\_ of the virus appeared in less than a month.
- n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type
60. The famous author was able to \_\_\_\_\_ technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.
- v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
61. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
62. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?
- n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
63. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?
- v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
64. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.
- v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 58. identify, 59. variant, 60. prophesy, 61. advantages, 62. shift, 63. divide, 64. concluded